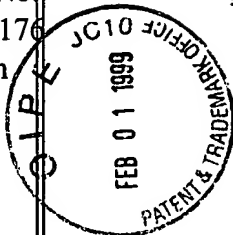


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : George S. Gabriel et al.
Serial No. : 09/173,134
Filed : October 15, 1998
For : MULTIPURPOSE RAT CAGE

January 25, 1999

**COMMUNICATION FILING SIGNED COPY OF DECLARATION
IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED AND SURCHARGE AUTHORIZATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attn: Box Missing Parts

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted, mailed November 3, 1998, a copy of which is annexed hereto, Applicants submit two separate Declarations, one signed by George S. Gabriel on January 12, 1999; Neil E. Campbell on January 11, 1999; Chin Soo Park, Signed on January 11, 1999; John E. Sheaffer signed on January 13, 1999, Dale Murray signed on January 13, 1999, Eric Deitrich signed on January 20, 1999, Lynn Irwin signed on January 8, 1999 and Rodney Gerringier, signed on January 13, 1999.

The Declaration was executed for Albert P. Ruggieri (deceased) by Jessica R. Matthews (administratrix for Mr. Ruggieri) on January 12, 1999. Also attached to the is an

Certificate of Mailing (37 C.F.R. 1.8)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on (Date) January 25, 1999.

Typed or printed name of person signing this certificate:

Patricia Driscoll

Signature: Patricia Driscoll

Added Page to Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Signing by Administrator, Executor or Legal Representative on Behalf of Deceased or Incapacitated Inventor and proof of authority.

Kindly enter the accompanying executed Declarations, which refer to the Application Serial No. 09/173,134, filed on October 15, 1998, in the application file.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge for filing the Declaration, estimated to be \$65.00 for a Small Entity (Small Entity Declaration enclosed) and a \$380.00 filing fee, which was not previously paid at the time of filing, totaling \$445.00 and any deficiencies to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 19-4709. A duplicate copy of this Communication is enclosed.

Applicant submits that the filing of the executed Declaration and payment of the surcharge which is authorized herein completes the filing requirements in connection with this application. If any issues remain which prevent the enclosed Declaration from being entered, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be notified in an effort to resolve such issues.

Early and favorable action in connection with this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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